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Lieutenant Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Awards Recognize Service Excellence in Tourism

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman recognized outstanding individual contributions to the tourism industry during a special ceremony Monday in the Statehouse Rotunda. Eleven people received a 2008 Hoosier Hospitality Award for going above and beyond their normal duties at a hotel, attraction or other tourism-related job to provide excellent customer service.

“These award winners are just a few of the many people who make positive contributions to Indiana’s tourism industry,” said Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman. “It’s important to thank them for their hard work in making guests feel welcome during their stay in Indiana.”

The 2008 Lt. Governor’s Hoosier Hospitality Award recipients are:

Doug Bessler
The Sherman House Restaurant
Batesville

Allison “Allie” Milam
Cicero Coffee Company
Cicero

Regina “Cookie” Block
Lanier Mansion State Historic Site
Madison

Rich & Laura Ostergren
Serenity Springs
LaPorte

Cory Davidson
Holiday Inn
Richmond

Cindy & John Scheele
Cindy’s Diner
Fort Wayne

Arthur Hall
Museum of the Soldier
Portland

Lauren Wahl
Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari
Santa Claus

Norris McPike
French Lick Springs Villas
French Lick

Lew White
Lew White Tours
Indianapolis

Sherry Matlock
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The Hoosier Hospitality Awards ceremony is part of National Tourism Week, which runs May 10-19. Information on Indiana travel discounts and trip ideas is available at VisitIndiana.com.

More than 62 million people visit Indiana each year, generating \$9.8 billion in visitor spending.

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Lt. Governor Becky Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Amy Vaughan serves as the agency's Director.